

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

25-27. (canceled)

28. (currently amended) A fibrous filtration face mask for filtering contaminants and/or particulate matter, which comprises:

- (a) a means for securing the mask to the face of the wearer; and
- (b) a non-woven fibrous layer attached to the securing means and containing (i) at least about 40% thermally bonding fibers based on the weight of the fibers in the non-woven fibrous layer, at least about 10 wt. % of the fibers in the non-woven fibrous layer being bicomponent fibers, and optionally (ii) staple fibers, the non-woven fibrous layer being molded in a cup-shaped configuration and having a surface fuzz value of ~~The face mask of claim 25,~~ wherein the surface fuzz value is not less than 9.0 regardless of bicomponent fiber content.

29-30. (canceled)

31. (currently amended) A fibrous filtration face mask for filtering contaminants and/or particulate matter, which comprises:

- (a) a means for securing the mask to the face of the wearer; and
- (b) a non-woven fibrous layer attached to the securing means and containing (i) at least about 40% thermally bonding fibers based on the weight of the fibers in the non-woven fibrous layer, at least about 10 wt. % of the fibers in the non-woven fibrous layer being bicomponent fibers, and optionally (ii) staple fibers, the non-woven fibrous layer being molded in a cup-shaped configuration and having a surface fuzz value of ~~The face mask of claim 25,~~ wherein the surface fuzz value is not less than 8.4 regardless of bicomponent fiber content.

32. (canceled)

33. (currently amended) A fibrous filtration face mask, which comprises:

(a) a harness; and

(b) a nonwoven fibrous layer attached to the harness and containing at least 40 weight percent thermally bonding fibers based on the weight of the fibers in the nonwoven fibrous layer, at least 10 weight percent of the fibers in the nonwoven fibrous layer being bicomponent fibers, the non-woven fibrous layer being molded in a cup-shaped configuration and having a surface fuzz value of not less than 8.4 regardless of bicomponent fiber content after being subjected to a surface fuzz abrasion test; and ~~The fibrous filtration face mask of claim 32, wherein the nonwoven fibrous layer contains at least 20 weight percent bicomponent fibers and the surface fuzz value is not less than 8.4 regardless of bicomponent fiber content after being subjected to a surface fuzz abrasion test.~~

34. (canceled).

35. (currently amended) A fibrous filtration face mask for filtering contaminants and/or particulate matter, which comprises:

(a) a means for securing the mask to the face of the wearer; and

(b) a non-woven fibrous layer attached to the securing means and containing (i) at least about 40% thermally bonding fibers based on the weight of the fibers in the non-woven fibrous layer, at least about 10 wt. % of the fibers in the non-woven fibrous layer being bicomponent fibers, and optionally (ii) staple fibers, the non-woven fibrous layer being molded in a cup-shaped configuration and having a surface fuzz value of ~~The face mask of claim 25, wherein the surface fuzz value is not less than 9.5 regardless of bicomponent fiber content.~~

36. (currently amended) A fibrous filtration face mask, which comprises:

(a) a harness; and

(b) a nonwoven fibrous layer attached to the harness and containing at least 40 weight percent thermally bonding fibers based on the weight of the fibers in the nonwoven fibrous layer, at least 10 weight percent of the fibers in the nonwoven fibrous layer being bicomponent fibers,

the non-woven fibrous layer being molded in a cup-shaped configuration and having a surface fuzz value of ~~The face mask of claim 32, wherein the surface fuzz value is~~ not less than 9.0 regardless of bicomponent fiber content.

37. (currently amended) A fibrous filtration face mask, which comprises:

(a) a harness; and

(b) a nonwoven fibrous layer attached to the harness and containing at least 40 weight percent thermally bonding fibers based on the weight of the fibers in the nonwoven fibrous layer, at least 10 weight percent of the fibers in the nonwoven fibrous layer being bicomponent fibers, the non-woven fibrous layer being molded in a cup-shaped configuration and having a surface fuzz value of ~~The face mask of claim 32, wherein the surface fuzz value is~~ not less than 9.1 regardless of bicomponent fiber content.